

Somalia kicks out Soviet advisers

Charging Moscow with interference on the African continent, Somalia expelled thousands of Soviet advisers from the country, withdrew all and ground military and renounced a treaty of friendship in a move one of a full diplomatic break with the Soviet Union.

The main ones are the ports of Kismayo in the far south of Somalia and Berbera in the north where the Soviets built a sophisticated communications and missile handling facility for their Indian Ocean submarines.

Mogadishu charged the Soviets were "brazenly interfering" in the Ogaden war and collaborating with Ethiopia for an invasion against Somalia.

The announcement gave no explanation for the drastic measures, which alter Somalia's basic alliances. But observers said they were the direct result of a halt in arms supplies by Moscow to Somalia during the war in the Ogaden region of southeast Ethiopia — an area to which Somalia has never renounced historical claims.

Since expelling American military advisers last April, Ethiopia has turned to the Soviet Union for military supplies and is now receiving substantial quantities of jet fighters, tanks and other weapons.

President Mohamed Siad Barre has charged Cuba with sending between 10,000 and 15,000 troops to Ethiopia to fight against Somali forces in the Ogaden. (UPI, Reuters).

Ministers come to haggle Ehrlich's budget starts stretch a little

By SHELMO MAOR
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A round of discussions held by Finance Minister Shimon Peres with some of his cabinet ministers already in the 1978/79 budget is likely to approach the IL1.875 billion to stay within the IL1.800 billion proposed on Friday by the Defense Ministry alone wants to IL1.830 for domestic expenditure instead of the IL1.825 billion in the draft budget, and in another \$500m, or IL1.825m, year's expected exchange rate, Ehrlich may meet with Defense Minister Weizman to try to iron out differences.

Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, who visited yesterday, said that Israel's defense budget would not be affected by the new exchange rate, but that the Treasury would have to pay for the cost of the defense expenditures by the Treasury would hurt industry and construction, and that Israel's defense budget would not be affected by the new exchange rate, but that the Treasury would have to pay for the cost of the defense expenditures by the Treasury would hurt industry and construction, and that Israel's defense budget would not be affected by the new exchange rate, but that the Treasury would have to pay for the cost of the defense expenditures by the Treasury would hurt industry and construction.

Meshel, Ehrlich meet today; prior conditions' set

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Finance Minister Shimon Peres will meet today with Defense Minister Moshe Dayan to discuss the 1978/79 budget. The meeting is expected to be a "without prior conditions" meeting, meaning that the Defense Ministry will not demand any specific concessions from the Finance Ministry.

Peres is expected to demand a reduction in the Defense Ministry's budget, which has increased significantly in recent years. Dayan is expected to defend the Defense Ministry's budget, arguing that it is necessary for Israel's security.

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Ethiopia's No. 2 man is deposed

NAIROBI. — The No. 2 man in Ethiopia's ruling military council has been deposed in the biggest shake-up since a bloody gun battle in Addis Ababa last February.

The official Ethiopian News Agency (ENA) in a dispatch received here yesterday said "a revolutionary step" was taken on Saturday against Lt. Col. Atanfu Abate, vice-chairman of the council.

Observers said this phrase had been used before as a euphemism for execution.

In a 35-minute broadcast, Ethiopia's radio said that Atanfu had "revealed a concealed attitude opposing socialism which could prove dangerous to the revolution."

The radio indicated further purges were imminent in the ruling military council, the Dergue.

"A bitter struggle lies ahead," the radio said. "Imposters must be eliminated." The radio said the "military bourgeois class" must be "cleansed up" with the "revolutionary sword," adding that "those who have to be wiped out are anti-people and anti-revolutionary forces."

Ever since the military overthrew Emperor Haile Selassie in September 1974, Atanfu has been number two in the Dergue, behind undisputed strongman Mengistu Haile Mariam. The two men were sworn enemies and repeatedly jockeyed among the Dergue's factions for the top position.

The shakeup was apparently the second major power struggle in Ethiopia this year. In a gun battle at military headquarters in the capital last February the head of state Brig. Tefarj Bent and six other major military leaders were killed.

The Dergue, which has been regarded merely as a figurehead leader for the ruling Dergue.

Gov't glad of end to pilgrimage ban

Post Diplomatic Reporter

The government yesterday welcomed a decision by Saudi Arabia to allow Israeli Moslems to visit on the annual pilgrimage (hajj).

The Saudi, lifting a three-decade-old ban, on Saturday announced that they would permit Israeli Moslems to enter their territory — provided they were equipped with Jordanian travel permits.

An Israeli Moslem delegation prepared to go to Amman this week. But chances of making this year's hajj, which begins next Sunday, appeared slim, due to lack of time.

Pilgrims from other areas set out on the pilgrimage a week ago.

"As far as Israel is concerned, they will get all possible assistance," a government spokesman said yesterday, expressing Jerusalem's readiness to provide organized transportation to the Jordanian border and travel allowances in Jordanian currency.

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British firemen to strike today

LONDON (UPI). — On the eve of a nationwide strike by Britain's 35,000 firefighters, Home Secretary Merlyn Rees said yesterday in a broadcast he could not believe anyone would allow children's and old people's homes to burn down around them.

He made no direct appeal to the firefighters to call off their strike. But he said the government would grant an increase of 10 per cent now and continue negotiations on their working conditions and hours.

"We shall provide the best possible defense against fires," Rees proposed. But he admitted it was a time of great danger and urged the public to step up its precautions against fire.

Earlier the firefighters' union chief said in a television interview, "There are very few firemen who do not support the strike."

Police were investigating complaints by some firefighters that anonymous callers and letter-writers were threatening to burn down their homes if they refused to answer emergency calls.



Security man inspects wreckage of Christian Quarter flat shortly after yesterday's bomb blast. Body on bed is of man killed in blast. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Two West Bankers killed in Jerusalem bomb blasts

Two bombs went off in Jerusalem yesterday morning, claiming the lives of two West Bank youths and injuring four other persons.

The first and more serious of the blasts — in the Old City — blew up the floor of a house in the Christian Quarter and wounded three persons, from East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

In the other explosion, in the Talpuyot quarter, one person was wounded — a resident of Kiryat Arba, who sustained light injuries.

The first explosion took place at 7 a.m. in a second-floor room of a house near the Spanish school, not far from the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Police who raced to the scene found the shattered body of a West Banker aged about 25 in the wreckage. Lying near him were two women aged 23 and 24 — one of them seriously injured — and a 22-year-old man who had suffered minor injuries to the upper part of his body.

Police said it had apparently been a large explosive charge.

Residents of the house said the people in the wrecked flat, including the two girls, had been planning "to go out for a walk" later in the day.

At 10 a.m., while police were still probing the wreckage, another loud explosion went off between two banks at the intersection of Hebron Road and Rehov Ein Gedi in the Talpuyot quarter, two and a half kilometres away.

A witness said, "I heard a loud blast and saw something big fly up into the air and land on this pickup truck here."

The "something big" he was referring to was a 15-year-old youth who died of his wounds several hours later at Hadassah Hospital.

The only other person injured in the blast was Ezra Peniri, 40, of Kiryat Arba, outside Hebron. He said, "I was crossing the road in the direction of the No. 6 bus when I heard a big explosion and felt I was hurt. I didn't see how it happened."

Peniri's injuries — in the leg — were described as minor by doctors at Shaare Zedek Hospital.

The Jerusalem police, who made a number of arrests yesterday, renewed their call to the public to report all suspicious objects to the police.

In Beiruti, the "Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine" yesterday put out a statement saying its men had planted bombs "in the Vebul-Ahli Bank at the crossroads of the Hebron and Ain-Hady roads." (There is a Bank Hapoalim branch at that corner.) Those responsible "returned safely to base," it added.

In the Kishle — the lockup in the Old City — several prisoners who had learned about the explosion told a senior police officer yesterday: "Allah is with the Jews; what can you do?" (Rim)

46 terror suspects held in West Bank roundup

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Security forces have arrested 46 West Bank residents suspected of perpetrating several terrorist attacks, including the preparation of a bomb that injured 27 people in an Egged bus near Kiryat Gat on April 24.

Some of the attacks were officially revealed for the first time last night. The IDF spokesman announced yesterday that six terrorist cells were uncovered "recently" in Judea and Samaria. Three were based in Ramallah, two in the Hebron Hills and one in Nablus. Most of the cells belonged to the Fatah.

One terrorist arrested in the Hebron area had been armed with a machinegun and a hand grenade when caught.

The IDF spokesman said this suspect is believed to have prepared an explosive device and given it to a youngster who placed it in an Egged bus that was parked at Adorayim, south of Hebron.

On April 24, 1974, this bus took Arab workers from Hebron to Kiryat Gat. It then left Kiryat Gat for Beersheba, and the bomb exploded when it was 10 km. from Kiryat Gat, injuring 27 passengers, some of them seriously.

The suspect, whose name was not revealed, had been wanted since April, the army spokesman said.

The spokesman said that one of the cells uncovered in Ramallah was suspected of setting several explosive charges there; at the entrance to the Bank Leumi branch on August 17, 1975; at the tourist offices on November 15 that year; and at the department of antiquities in Ramallah on June 24, 1976.

A second Ramallah cell, belonging to Fatah, allegedly placed an explosive charge in a No. 25 bus in Jerusalem on September 28 this year, and in a Jerusalem No. 18 bus two weeks ago.

Security forces also found weapons and sabotage equipment, the spokesman said. He added that the investigation is continuing. He gave no further details.



Rabbi Shalom Mashash (left) and Rabbi Bezalel Zolti (right) congratulate each other after their election as chief rabbis of Jerusalem, as Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef looks on. (Rahamim Yisraeli)

Cabinet says of U.S. Arab professor:

We'll consider Sadat's idea

Post Diplomatic Reporter

The cabinet yesterday agreed to "consider" Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's suggestion that an Arab professor from the U.S. represent the Palestinians at Middle East peace talks.

"There is no reason why such a representative should not take part in peace talks," cabinet secretary Arye Naor said after the weekly cabinet session yesterday. But he pointed out that the cabinet will make a decision on the issue only when a concrete proposal to this effect is put forward to Jerusalem.

President Sadat on Saturday told a visiting American congressional delegation in Cairo that he had proposed to President Jimmy Carter that a professor of Palestinian origin, living in the U.S., assume the Palestinian representation at a reconvened Geneva conference.

Sadat did not name the professor but said that the head of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Yasser Arafat, had agreed to the idea.

Naor stressed that Israel would still vehemently oppose any PLO-affiliated functionary. But he indicated that Jerusalem might reconsider its insistence that the Palesti-

U.S. expected to follow up Begin's invitation to Sadat

Post Diplomatic Reporter

Israel is likely to turn to the U.S. to follow up the invitation that Premier Menachem Begin has extended to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to visit Jerusalem for peace negotiations.

The cabinet, at its weekly session yesterday, discussed Sadat's declared willingness to come to Jerusalem and Begin's subsequent invitation to the Egyptian leader.

Begin told the cabinet that he would advise the Knesset tomorrow to invite Sadat to speak at the House and to converse with the various factions, once the Egyptian leader responds positively to the government's invitation.

Begin plans to make his announcement at the Knesset following the David Ben-Gurion memorial session there — since Ben-Gurion was the first premier to declare his readiness for face-to-face talks with Arab leaders anywhere. "It would be most appropriate that the statement be made following the memorial session," an aide to Begin said.

Begin-Lewis meeting postponed

Post Diplomatic Reporter

The political discussion Premier Menachem Begin had planned to hold with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis this morning has been indefinitely postponed, informed sources said last night. The Prime Minister and the ambassador had been scheduled to review the prospects of reconvening the Geneva Middle East peace conference.

Government officials yesterday said that none of the Arab states had yet responded to the U.S.-Israel working paper on Geneva outlined six weeks ago. This included Egypt, which was reported by President Jimmy Carter over the weekend as having agreed on a "negotiating paper," presumably containing amendments to the initial working paper.

Cabinet warns terrorists against further attacks

Jerusalem Post Staff

The cabinet yesterday issued a warning against further terrorist attacks mounted from Lebanon.

Following a report by Defense Minister Ezer Weizman about the situation in Lebanon, the cabinet's decision said that "Israel will take all necessary steps to protect its citizens if attacks are mounted from Lebanese territory against Israel and its population."

The decision also said: "If peace is preserved on the Lebanese side there will be peace on the Israeli side as well."

"The Government of Israel wishes to maintain the cease-fire in full," the cabinet said. "It seeks to attain permanent arrangements making peace and security possible for Christians and Moslems in southern Lebanon and for Israeli citizens in the North."

Weizman reported on the Israel Air Force operations against terrorist bases in southern Lebanon after the rocket assaults on Nahariya and Kibbutz Yiron.

Yesterday southern Lebanon's principal religious leader said in an interview that he might try to occupy the region and criticized U.S. President Carter for not condemning last week's massive Israeli air strikes against southern Lebanese areas.

"There is a distinct possibility Israel will occupy part of our country," said Imam Musa Sadr, leader of the south's Shiite Moslem majority. "The interview was released to news agencies yesterday."

Sadr acknowledged that the Palestinian terrorist presence could harm the Israelis and said he had asked King Khalid to try to persuade them to stop any military action that might constitute a provocation to Israel.

Javits: Don't negotiate over historic claim to West Bank

By WOLF BLITZEE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Senator Jacob K. Javits (Republican of New York) yesterday called upon Prime Minister Menachem Begin to "forget about Samaria and Judea as provinces Israel has always owned."

The New York senator, who is Jewish, had been asked on NBC's "Meet the Press" what he would do if he had the power to change the policies of Begin and President Jimmy Carter regarding the Middle East.

"As far as Mr. Begin is concerned," Javits said, "I'd forget about Samaria and Judea as provinces Israel has always owned. He feels that way, and I deeply sympathize and understand how he does. But it's (Israel's) historic claim to the West Bank) hardly an element in the negotiations today."

Javits said in the interview that he would advise Begin to "play up" the idea that the Jewish settlements in the West Bank are negotiable "like everything else."

"As he himself has said," Javits continued, "the Jews can live in whatever may be the sovereignty of the West Bank, ultimately, like there are half a million Arabs in Israel."

Javits, a ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that it might be a good idea to allow the Palestinian Arabs living on the West Bank some form of self-determination to resolve their own political future.

"Nobody ever consulted them," he said. "They never had a chance to choose an option — whether it's Jordan or the Israelis themselves or some kind of entity of their own."

Javits listed three points on which he disagrees with Carter's policy: "I would change the insistence upon a Palestinian homeland, because nobody knows what that means," he said.

"I would play down the Soviet role," he said, claiming that Carter made "unnecessary concessions" to the Soviets in signing the joint communique on October 1. "They were out of it," he said. "They would have been glad to be invited abroad when (Continued on page 2, col. 7)



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Authority kills bid to put off screening of erotic series

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Broadcasting Authority plenum yesterday rejected a motion by Danny Vermus to postpone the showing of the television series, "Amatory Tales," the first installment of which is scheduled for tomorrow night.

Vermus, who is senior adviser to Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, proposed that the members of the plenum first be given an opportunity to see an advance showing of the series.

The playlets are based on Hebrew love stories and poems written by medieval and Renaissance religious writers, including Ibn Ezra, Yehuda Alharizi, and Immanuel of Rome.

Vermus asserted that the playlets contain scenes that "bring a blush to the cheeks" and could have a deleterious effect on youth. He was supported by Yitzhak Meir and attorney Aharon Asher.

Authority director Yitzhak Livni opposed Vermus' motion. The programmes are based on literary material written by some of the best Hebrew poets of the Middle Ages who, in addition to their Hebrew poetry, wrote important secular poetry dealing with the pleasures of life and relations between the sexes.

It would be strange to declare unfit for broadcast, for the reasons raised by Vermus, programmes already approved by the plenum, Livni argued. (He was referring to the approval en bloc a few months ago of some 35 future programmes.)

Supporting Livni, Elihu Hassin said that there was no precedent for the prior screening of a programme already approved. Vermus' motion was also opposed by Nissim Almog and Arye Bentov.

Also raised at the plenum was last Friday night's television feature on "Mabat" on the subject of Druse

youth who evade army service. The question was raised by Eli Tavin and Dr. Kamal Mansour, who argued that the coverage was one-sided.

Tavin said that a programme that presents the majority of the Druse as draft-dodgers is an insult to the Druse and undermines the best interests of the country.

Livni replied that the programme dealt with a specific problem which applies to only a small part of the Druse, and with which the army authorities are now dealing. The role played by the Druse in state security is well known, and many programmes have dealt with it. In the near future, it was intended to deal on television with the contribution of the Druse community to the state, he said.

At yesterday's meeting of the authority's board of directors, Arye Bentov submitted his resignation. He said that even in the framework of the Broadcasting Authority Law there was room for more active intervention by the public representatives without infringing on the independence of the media staff.

The board of directors will discuss his resignation next week.

Cabinet approves Begin's UK trip

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cabinet yesterday approved Premier Menachem Begin's trip to London next Sunday, in response to an official invitation from British Prime Minister James Callaghan. The premier will be accompanied by his wife.

On his way back, Begin will make a private visit to Geneva at the invitation of Nessim Gaon, the community leader who has been associated with him for more than 30 years. Begin will address the European assembly of Keren Hayesod and Israel Bonds there, and ask members to step up their fundraising for the state's 30th anniversary year. The extra money will be earmarked for sum-clearance projects, Begin will tell the campaigners.

Yehuda Avner, the premier's adviser, leaves for London today to coordinate Begin's schedule.

Begin to attend B-G memorial

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Premier Menachem Begin and his cabinet ministers will be among the leading participants at the memorial ceremony on Wednesday at Sde Boker in the Negev, marking the fourth anniversary of the death of former premier David Ben-Gurion.

The ceremony takes place at the graveside of Ben-Gurion and his wife Paula, at 11 a.m.

The anniversary will also be marked at the Sde Boker college by three lectures on the settlement and the scientific development of the Negev. In the Knesset tomorrow afternoon, the four o'clock session will open with a memorial to Ben-Gurion.

15 arrested for breaking into cars of soccer fans

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Police have arrested 15 persons on suspicion of breaking into the cars of soccer fans in the past month and a half.

Since the start of the football season, six weeks ago, police have received numerous complaints from fans that their cars had been broken into, and in some cases stolen, while they were at a game.

A special unit was set up to deal with the problem and has successfully reduced the number of thefts, police said. Last weekend police arrested five young men as they were trying to break into cars parked near Bloomfield Stadium in Jaffa, they added.

ISRAELI FUGILES for the first time are taking a course on Beduin culture, the Ministry of Education said yesterday. Fourth graders are starting a course entitled "Getting to Know the Israeli Beduin."

Zippori asks Yamit mayor: Why so many Arab workers?

Jerusalem Post Reporter

YAMIT. — Israel did not invest millions of pounds in the Yamit area "just to create jobs for Arab workers," according to Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zippori.

Zippori came here yesterday to discuss security measures with local farmers but found himself discussing economics with Yamit council head Amos Avni as well.

Zippori was displeased to hear that a large number of workers in Yamit's small new factories are Arabs from neighbouring villages. Avni complained, in return, that the planners were to blame — for not finding industries suited to the high level of people who have applied to settle in Yamit. He said he had personally turned down the offer of a large Koor firm to set up a plant in Yamit because he was sure only

Arabs would want to do the hard work involved.

The deputy minister was non-committal on Avni's request to explore the possibility of creating defence industries in Yamit. He cautioned that the Defence Ministry is not planning to act in place of other government ministries in developing settlements in the administered territories.

In reply to a reporter's question, Zippori said he did not believe that the current emphasis on development in Judea and Samaria would hurt the Yamit region, stressing that it is "a national priority" for Israel to settle in any undeveloped area.

He added that there is "an urgent need" for 10,000 more Israeli settlers in the Yamit area.

The deputy minister was accompanied on his visit here by the Gasa Strip military commander, Tat-Ahuf Yosef Castel.

Aliya activist Valery Soren still in jail, parents say

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The parents of aliya activist Valery Soren said yesterday that, contrary to reports reaching the West, their son is still in jail.

The wire services reported several days ago that the KGB had briefly held Soren on charges of "parasitism," but that he had been released, though threatened with arrest.

Soren's parents, however, in a phone call from Moscow yesterday, said that their son was never released from jail and is still in KGB custody. The secret police "investigation" against him is proceeding, they said.

They expressed fear that Valery Soren might soon be put on trial and that he might become "a second Yosef Begun."

Begun was sentenced several months ago to two years' imprisonment on the unique Soviet charge of parasitism. After having applied to leave for Israel, he was dismissed from his post and, once unemployed, he was expected to be charged with being a social parasite.

When Soren lost his job in October, he too found himself "a parasite."

At a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday, Alexander Slepak made a plea for activity to rescue other activists in the Soviet Union, whom he reported.

Slepak, 26, arrived in Israel two weeks ago. He was permitted to leave because he had married an American citizen who worked in the U.S. Embassy in Moscow. He is leaving tomorrow to join his wife in California, where she is scheduled to complete her studies in February. They then plan to return to Israel to settle.

While abroad, he said, he will try to enlist aid in securing an exit permit for his younger brother, Leonid, and his parents, who have been deprived of their civil rights since they requested an exit permit seven years ago.

In reply to questions, Slepak said that the fate of Prisoner of Zion Anatoly Shchazansky is not known. He was jailed for wanting to emigrate to Israel, and all requests to the authorities for information about his whereabouts and his condition have been ignored. Slepak did not rule out the possibility that Shchazansky is no longer alive.

Burg leaves Judges Appointments C'tee to make room for Melamed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Interior Minister Yosef Burg yesterday resigned from the Judges Appointments Committee, and the cabinet appointed Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich in his place.

Burg's reason for resigning was that he was too busy, according to cabinet secretary Arye Naor.

However, reliable sources say the real reason was that the NRP leader's resignation enabled his party to appoint Knesset Member Avraham Melamed to a Knesset member's place on the Judges Appointments Committee, which otherwise Melamed would not have got.

Melamed held one of the two places set aside for MKs on the Judges Appointments Committee in

the last Knesset. Burg, who was not on the committee before the May 17 elections, agreed to Premier Menachem Begin's request to sit on it when the new coalition was formed. But, by doing so, Burg made it impossible for Melamed to get the job which he considered his livelihood, as it would have meant two National Religious Party leaders on the same body — one a minister and the other an MK.

So Burg, who regards Melamed as the No. 2 man in his "Lamedvok" wing of the NRP, decided to step down.

The Knesset is due to vote tomorrow on the two MK-nominees for the Judges Appointments Committee, Melamed and Dov Shilansky (Likud).

Punters' dreams of riches fade away

By PAUL KOHN
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The dreams of football pool punters of becoming millionaires after last Saturday's soccer games are diminishing by the hour.

The Sportoto government-controlled football pool offered IL6m. in prize money for those guessing all 13 games correctly on last week's Sportoto coupon.

By last night, 63 coupons showed perfect entries, as a result of few surprises in Saturday's games. But only 10 per cent of the lines had been checked by last night, indicating that several more punters will probably have to share the IL6m. jackpot.

The first-prize winners will almost certainly collect less than IL9,000 apiece.

Those with 12 correct results will win about IL1,200; those with 11 results right about IL250; and about IL10 will be paid for lines with 10 correct results. Checking will be completed tomorrow.

Sportoto officials said last night that some 90,000 coupons were filled out last week, netting the pool about IL15m.

The large first-prize kitty accumulated because the previous two weeks of soccer brought in no coupon with all 13 games marked correctly.

Tenants group demonstrates over end of rent controls

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Several hundred persons, fearing an imminent end to rent control, demonstrated yesterday outside the Prime Minister's Office. Only after several of the protesters tried to rush through a police barricade were representatives permitted to enter the building to present their demands.

The demonstration was organized by the Tenants Protection Association of Jerusalem. It charges that an inquiry commission recently appointed by Housing and Construction Minister Gideon Patt will soon recommend abolishing the Tenants Protection Law.

The commission, headed by Yehoshua Rotenshtein, is expected to report to Patt by March. It will suggest ways of implementing the recommendations of a previous panel — the Ravch Committee — which sought to work out a formula for adjusting controlled rents.

The tenants organization claims that the recent 36 per cent hike in controlled rent is "just the beginning" of a trend to equalize rents in controlled flats with those on the free market.

"Such a move," the organization declares, "will wipe out all the money tenants have invested in key money...The key money paid is really an investment equal to approximately 60 to 80 per cent of the flat's value when entered...a high price for the privilege of living in a comparatively low-rent flat."

According to the tenants' organization, the government is concerned only that the landlords should be protected against inflation.

The chairman of the Tenants' Protection Association, Jerusalem Town Councillor Hui Latif, was told that Prime Minister Menachem Begin will receive a delegation of its members on November 28.

In a simultaneous demonstration outside the Prime Minister's Office, four Jerusalem citizens

Ex-basketball captain must stay in lockup

TEL AVIV (Him). — The District Court here yesterday extended the remand of Avraham Schneur, former national basketball team captain, arrested on suspicion of fencing stolen goods. He will stay in custody until he is brought to trial.

Schneur is accused of holding IL420,000 in stolen goods which included washing machines, air conditioners, mixers and other appliances.

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Wilner 'muzzled' by television, Rakah claims

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

Israeli Television last night cancelled an invitation to MK Meir Wilner of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality to appear on the "Alei Koteret" programme.

The DFFE promptly demanded an urgent Knesset debate, claiming the cancellation reflected an attempt to muzzle the Communist-dominated group.

DFFE spokesman Uri Burstein and a senior TV source told The Jerusalem Post that Wilner had been invited for an interview on his recent visit to Moscow for the 60th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

But last night, minutes before he was to leave for Jerusalem, Israel TV cancelled the invitation.

A TV source, who asked not to be identified, told The Post the order had come from director Arnon Zuckerman.

Zuckerman would not say whether he initiated the ban or merely acted on orders. Nor would he say why the invitation was cancelled. "I don't owe you — or any reporter — an explanation," he said.

Ramallah schoolgirls protest Sadat visit

RAMALLAH (Him). — Schoolgirls who attend refugee camp schools near here yesterday held a sit-down strike at the municipality to protest Egyptian President Sadat's statement that he was prepared to visit Israel to conduct peace negotiations.

In Nabulus, leaflets denouncing Sadat's recent statements were handed out.

ZVI YARON ז"ר

will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 1977, at 6 p.m., in the Weizmann Hall, Jewish Agency Building, 48 King George Avenue, Jerusalem.

- Mishna Lesson
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- Addresses
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 - Zvi Yaron, Opinion Leader — Mr. Eliezer Goldman
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er Saudi gov't raises fee

000 Gazans cancel haj Mecca, Medina this year

By ZVI ARENSTEIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A — Some 5,000 Gazans who intended to go on the Meccan haj to Mecca and Medina this year have been forced to cancel plans because the cost of the haj has tripled. This was related to a local travel agent who just returned from Amman, where he had arranged for the haj for residents who managed to get the extra money.

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lost about IL45,000 due to the cancellations.

In Jerusalem, the Religious Affairs Minister, Aharon Abutatzra, welcomed the news that the Saudi Arabian government had lifted the 50-year-old ban on the entry of Israeli Moslems into its country for the annual pilgrimage.

Abutatzra said the Israeli government and his ministry would provide all possible assistance to those Israeli Moslems who wish to make the pilgrimage.

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Some of the 150 participants in an underwater treasure hunt contest held in Eilat on Friday to promote the film "The Deep." The treasure — a red plastic plaque entitling its finder to IL15,000 — was found after 20 minutes by Yehuda Shaluf, a novice diver from Tel Aviv. Two divers, one from Eilat and one from Haifa, won mini-prizes of IL2,500.

Teachers to spend lunch-break today discussing NEP

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Teachers throughout Israel will assemble during their lunch break today to discuss how the new economic policy has affected their standard of living.

According to the Histadrut Teachers Union, which has called the assemblies, many teachers earn less than the average national wage. Secretary-general Shalom Levin of the union has already demanded a 25 per cent salary increase to compensate teachers.

The teachers today are expected to discuss if and when strike action should be taken.

Experiment in separating food from other rubbish

The Yavne Local Council, in conjunction with the Nuclear Research Institute at Nahal Sorek, is conducting an experiment in which residents will separate food remnants from other household rubbish. This was announced yesterday by Dr. Mordechai Lapidot of the Environmental Protection Service in the Interior Ministry.

The aim of the experiment is to see how well residents cooperate. To help them, the local council will distribute plastic bags and garbage pails, both in two different colours. If successful, the experiment could lead to the recycling of waste and reduce the import of fodder. (Him)

Ahimeir appointed editor of Mabat

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Ya'acov Ahimeir, the diplomatic correspondent for TV news, has been appointed editor of the "Mabat" news broadcast and deputy director of the news department, replacing Haim Yavin.

Yavin, who was named TV news director a few weeks ago, will continue as anchorman of "Mabat" about twice a week, leaving the other days to Ahimeir. Ron Ben-Yishai, who has been inactive since returning from Bonn as Israel Broadcasting's correspondent, will become the new diplomatic correspondent.

Panel appointed to investigate rape

The attorney-general has appointed a commission to investigate the subject of rape in Israel. The panel, which is due to hand in its findings by February 15, 1978, is expected to recommend legal and social changes in the treatment of rape and rape victims.

Yehudit Karp of the Ministry of Justice will head the panel, which will include members of the Ministry of Social Welfare, a staff member of the Hebrew University Criminology Department and a representative from national police headquarters.

Int'l symposium on pineal gland opens

About 150 scientists from Australia, North and South America, Europe, India, Japan, South Africa and Israel will take part in an international symposium on the pineal gland opening today at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

Other sponsors of the symposium are the Israel Endocrine Society, Sheba Medical Centre at Tel Hashomer and the Weizmann Institute of Science.

A CIVIL DEFENCE exercise will be held today in the Lachish and Kiryat Gat area. In the event of a real alert, rising-and-falling sirens will be sounded.

IL999 return flights to Cyprus to get off ground on weekend

By DAVID LENNON
Post Aviation Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — Kanaf-Arkia's air taxi service to Cyprus, for IL999 return trip, will start this weekend — or, at the latest, next weekend — Ark Achmon, general manager of the company, told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

This fare, made possible by the abolition of travel tax, makes it cheaper to fly to Cyprus than to Eilat. The return fare to Eilat is IL1,097.60. The new low fare was reported exclusively in The Post on November 2.

In the first stage the company will operate flights designed for people wanting a long weekend, Thursday to Sunday. Achmon pointed out that, because Cyprus has excellent skiing, the frequency of flights may be increased when there is snow.

The 50-minute flight will be in the company's nine-seater twin-engine Chieftains. The planes will depart from Ben-Gurion Airport initially, but it is hoped later to operate them out of Tel Aviv's Sde Dov airfield. Kanaf-Arkia personnel, who have been on Cyprus checking arrangements for the flights, report that half-board rates for a couple at a hotel range from \$15 to \$25 per day. Next year the airline will operate low-cost flights to Rhodes and the Greek Islands.

Bezalel still checking swastika affair

The Bezalel Academy of Arts and Design is not sweeping the "swastika affair" under the carpet, director Dan Hoffman assured The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

Investigations are still going on inside the academy to determine who painted swastikas on the walls of the Fine Arts Department two weeks ago, and who hung up a leaflet in the department which contained incitement to political violence against the Gush Emunim movement. Last week Hoffman stated that unless the persons concerned presented themselves to Bezalel's internal disciplinary court by Friday, he would turn the investigation over to the police.

However, Hoffman said yesterday that internal investigations were still going on and that a decision about bringing in outside agencies might be deferred until Wednesday's meeting of the board of directors. Swastika daubing and threats such as those contained in the leaflet constitute criminal offences.

Suburbanites angry at official indifference to dog poisoning

By JUDY PERES
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Residents in suburban Ramat Hasharon, north of Tel Aviv, are up in arms over the inaction of local authorities, which failed to heed their requests for help yesterday after a number of local pets were poisoned.

Some parents, who had heard via the grapevine about the poisonings, were afraid to let their children out since the source of the poison could not be identified. But they were more concerned for other local residents who were not even aware of the danger.

At least three family dogs died yesterday morning in the vicinity of Sdei and Colon Streets. Their hideous convulsions were testimony that they had ingested poison. The area, a relatively new residential section, is dotted with small fields of seasonal crops — a vestige of the moshava that was Ramat Hasharon.

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Housing Ministry engineer convicted of taking bribe

TEL AVIV (Him). — A Housing Ministry district engineer has been convicted of accepting a bribe and fined IL10,000 in District Court here. A building engineer of the Mabat prefabricated homes plant was acquitted in the same case.

Avraham Klein, 34, was accused of accepting a IL2,500 bribe from Shimon and Arye Grossman, plumbing contractors who were working for Mabat on ministry projects. In return he wasn't to look too closely when he inspected their work.

Klein had been convicted on a previous occasion of a similar offence and fired from another government job. Engineer Yisrael Gurevitz, 49, was acquitted after he explained that he had not known the cheque he cashed for Klein from the Grossman brothers was a bribe. However, he faces another bribe charge involving the same Kiryat Gat project.

Haifa ECG tests

HAIFA (Him). — About 10 per cent of the 537 Haifa residents who underwent electro-cardiograph examinations about two weeks ago are suffering from some kind of heart defect.

This was revealed yesterday by an official of Magen David Adom here, which conducted the testing with mobile units. He said that some of these persons had been aware of their condition, but that to others it came as a complete surprise. Those persons requiring medical attention have already received letters referring them to a physician.

In a similar operation testing the blood pressure of Haifa residents a month ago, some 20 per cent were found to have irregular blood pressure.

Parents end strike at Haifa school

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The strike at the Dror School in the Kiryat Eliezer quarter ended yesterday when the 400 pupils (aged five to 13) returned to their classrooms — conditionally.

The parents agreed to call off the strike after being promised that their grievances would be discussed by city officials today and tomorrow, and at a third meeting. The parents are complaining about the long delays in construction of a proper shelter, the addition of classrooms and other teaching facilities, and general maintenance.

Cafe owner fined on hashish charge

TEL AVIV. (Him). — The owner of Cafe Cassit here, Moshe Ish-Cassit, was yesterday acquitted of charges of possessing hashish and marijuana, and of stealing army property. He was convicted and fined IL1,000 for possession of traces of hashish in a cigarette butt.

District Court Judge Yehoshua Gross said he was taking into account not only the accused's clean record, but also the fact that the charge sheet was submitted a year and a half after the crime was committed.

HU overseas alumni to meet next June

An international conference of alumni of the Hebrew University's School for Overseas Students will take place in Jerusalem next June 15-23. Most of the participants will be Americans and Canadians who once studied in the Hebrew University's One-Year Programme, formerly known as the Junior Year Abroad Programme. The conference will coincide with the 25th anniversary of the One-Year Programme, in which 8,000 students have participated.

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Vatican sources: Capucci release changes nothing

VATICAN CITY (AFP). — Israel's freeing of Hilarion Capucci, the Greek Catholic archbishop convicted of supplying Arab terrorists with the explosives used in several bloody Jerusalem bombings, has not made the slightest change in the papacy's position on the Middle East, reliable Vatican sources said Saturday.

The Vatican sources said Pope Paul was also continuing to cling to the idea of a "special status" for Jerusalem, including "international guarantees." (The papacy does not recognize Israel, nor the fact that Jerusalem is Israel's capital.) Meanwhile, Capucci said in Rome on Friday that he will visit Egypt "as soon as my health permits," according to the Cairo newspaper "Al Ahram." Capucci — who when he reached Rome last week complained that the terms for his release had included a bar on his returning to the Middle East — also described his imprisonment as "one link on the way to the liberation of Palestine." He was replying to an invitation to visit Cairo from Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

Governor of N.Y., House leader due

New York Governor Hugh Carey will be arriving in Israel today for a four-day visit as guest of the government. During his stay he will be received by President Katsir and will meet with the deputy prime minister and the ministers of defence and foreign affairs. He will also tour Jerusalem and the Golan and on Tuesday evening will give a lecture at Bar-Ilan University.

Following Gov. Carey to Israel will be House Democratic leader Jim Wright and 14 other representatives, who left on Friday for a 12-day trip to Israel, Egypt, Spain and Portugal. The bipartisan group will stop first in Madrid then go to Egypt on November 14. They will be in Israel from November 16 until November 20, when they fly to Lisbon.

Who, me? Ask Olga

TEL AVIV (Him). — A man sought for two years on suspicion of passing \$1,000 in counterfeit bills was released on IL100,000 bail on Friday — after a spot check by police failed to bear out his alibi.

Suspect Avraham Cooper had sold the 10 fake \$100 bills to a furniture-store owner. At his remand hearing Cooper told the Magistrate's Court that he had been asked to change the bills into Israeli pounds by a Rehov Allenby bar hostess named Olga, who went out with UN personnel and tourists. Judge Yehoshua Ben-Shlomo stopped the proceedings on the spot to send police to the bar. But when they got there they found that the hostess, Olga, had left the country.

When they returned, Judge Ben-Shlomo ruled that in Olga's absence there were no grounds for holding Cooper and ordered his release on bail.

Cooper had earlier explained his two-year disappearance by saying he had been hiding from his wife, whom he had left for another woman.

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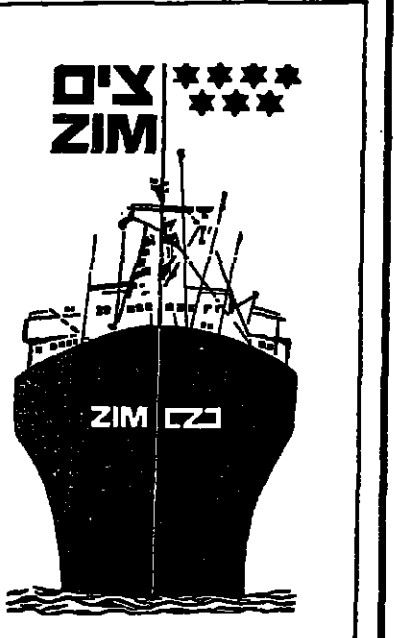
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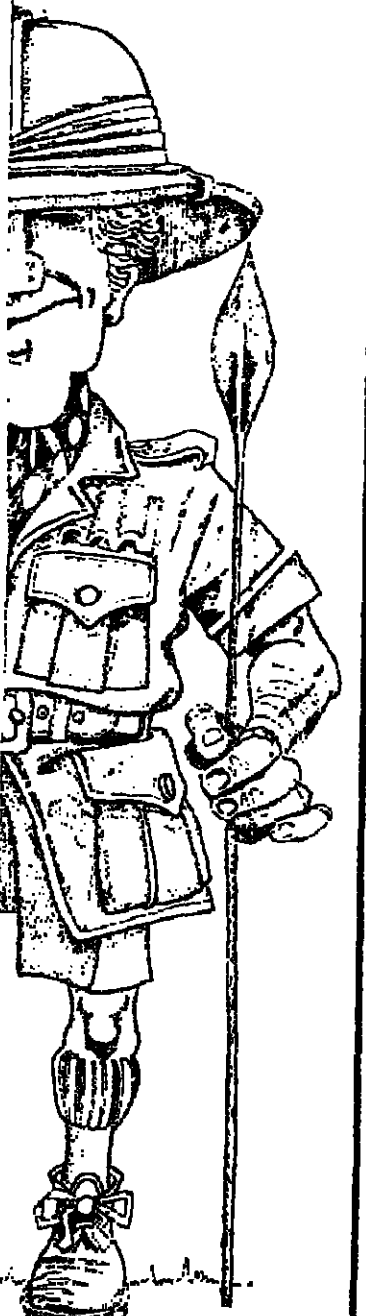
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Imprisoned Baader terrorist ends her life

'Typical case of suicide by hanging'

BONN (UPI). — A team of doctors has confirmed as suicide the death of convicted terrorist Ingrid Schubert, who helped free her boss Andreas Baader from prison seven years ago, the Bavarian Ministry of Justice announced yesterday.

"A post-mortem performed on Miss Schubert has established that there are no clues of outside interference in her death. It was a typical case of suicide by hanging," a ministry spokesman said.

The 32-year-old Miss Schubert, a veteran member of the Baader-Meinhof urban terrorist gang whose announced aim is to smash established society, was found hanging from a window of her cell in Munich's Stadelheim Prison on a rope made from pieces of bed sheets.

The spokesman said that prison guards found the body of Miss Schubert, who was serving a 13-year jail term for attempted murder and for helping a prisoner to escape, dur-

ing a routine inspection of her cell early Saturday night.

She was the fourth member of the Baader-Meinhof gang to commit suicide this year.

Last month gang leader Andreas Baader, his girl friend Gudrun Ensslin and Jan-Carl Raspe took their own lives in the top-security Stammheim Jail at Stuttgart. They died hours after a special commando unit of the West German federal border protection force stormed a hijacked jet of the West German Lufthansa airline, freeing all 86 hostages aboard. In the course of the shootout at Mönchsdorf airport, three of the four Arab hijackers were killed.

Fellow terrorists threatened to blow up Lufthansa airliners to avenge the deaths of the three hijackers and of Baader, Raspe and Miss Ensslin. They accused the government of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of murdering the three imprisoned gang leaders in

Stammheim.

Miss Schubert, a former doctor's assistant, helped Ulrike Meinhof shoot Baader free while he was serving a prison term in West Berlin in 1970. Miss Meinhof, the gang's alleged spiritual leader, hanged herself in Stammheim jail last year while standing trial with Baader.

Miss Schubert also was among 11 Baader-Meinhof gang members whom the kidnappers of Hanns-Martin Schleyer demanded freed in return for the life of the industrial magnate.

After serving part of her term in West Berlin, Miss Schubert was shifted to Stammheim. On August 18, she was transferred to Stadelheim.

During her stay in Stammheim, Miss Schubert was locked in cell 721 where police on Friday seized 400 grams of explosives and three small explosive containers in the course of a raid. The explosives were discovered in a hollow space in the cell wall.



Ingrid Schubert, West German terrorist who committed suicide in her Munich jail cell.

(AP radiophoto)

Drunken guard held in Korean blast

SEOUL (AP). — A drunken guard's candle aboard a freight car loaded with dynamite may have triggered the gigantic explosion that killed 86 persons on Friday night in the South Korean city of Iri and left more than 10,000 homeless.

Investigators here reported yesterday that 36-year-old boxer guard Shin Moo Il has confessed to negligence and will be arraigned on that charge.

The investigators said Shin told them he had been drinking heavily because he was angry that the station at Iri, 200 km. south of here, had held up his boxcar alone while letting the rest of the train be on leave for Kwangju.

He said he woke up to discover that his feather-lined sleeping bag had caught fire from his candle and then fled the car about "five."

The ensuing explosion of the 30 tons of dynamite in the car left 1,345 persons injured besides the 86 dead and caused estimated property losses of \$20m. In Iri, a city of 110,000 people, nearly 9,500 buildings, mostly dwellings, 70 railway cars and other property were damaged or destroyed.

Spain airports still shut

MADRID (AP). — Spain's airports remained closed yesterday for the third straight day as 11,000 government airport employees continued their strike for a 28 per cent pay rise.

The civil aviation workers, after several meetings with the transport ministry, said the walkout would continue until today at 8 a.m. if their demands were not met.

But a spokesman for the employee negotiation group said the strike, which caused the cancellation of 1,600 flights, will resume on Friday if the government does not find a satisfactory solution.

Workers end siege

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP). — Demonstrators who had been holding 56 persons hostage at gunpoint at the Labour Ministry headquarters left the building peacefully under Red Cross escort on Saturday, ending a three-day siege.

Spokesmen for the 1,500 workers said they decided to free the hostages, including two cabinet ministers, after officials had signed documents agreeing to study their demands for wage increases for textile workers.

Australia seeks

mature college men as spies

SYDNEY (Reuters). — Australia's domestic intelligence agency, branded as "bumbling" by a government inquiry, has begun to advertise for a new breed of recruits.

The Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) has traditionally recruited its agents secretly from the military and police forces. But it now has placed an advertisement in major newspapers, seeking applicants "with work experience, stability, maturity, discretion, and objectivity" — and a university degree, preferably in the social sciences.

"Officers can expect to undertake duties directly related to ASIO's statutory responsibilities in regard to espionage, sabotage and subversion, including terrorism," the advertisement said.

Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser, acting on a royal commission report about the agency, promised last month to overhaul ASIO and ensure that its future personnel are better qualified.

LIGHTNING. — Two people were killed and four suffered severe burns when struck by lightning in Bahbahan, south Iran, on Saturday.

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Those gas-guzzling Americans

A BOOK advertisement in these columns caught my eye last week and was responsible for the subject of this column. I still don't know what is between the covers of the book, written by Melvin R. Laird, the former U.S. defense secretary; but its title was sufficient to set my thoughts working on the subject. It was, "The Energy Crisis: Made in U.S.A."

The past couple of years saw major reports on world energy supplies, and all stressed the need to restrain fuel consumption. They also concentrated on the need for nations to lose no time to look after their future energy needs and get through the transitional period until nuclear power takes over.

Unfortunately, the major part of the world's present stock of oil lies inconveniently in the Arab states. This led to leverage by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) on the major industrial powers — not excluding the U.S.

Since the 1973 Yom Kippur War, when Saudi Arabia finally flexed its muscles and led the drive to quadruple oil prices, no policy was evolved to counter the situation. Most consumer countries became resigned to fate, also accommodation to the political and financial demands of the oil-rich Arabs.

The worst offender was the U.S., which did nothing except tranquilly allow its oil imports to leap. There recently were rows between President Carter and American oil producers about their excessive profits — but everybody tamely submits to the dictates of the oil sheikhs.

The stark truth is that U.S. economic stability today and in the immediate future literally depends on the magnanimity of one country, Saudi Arabia, to continue exporting its oil to the U.S. And it is clear what effect this has on U.S. diplomacy in the Middle East.

CONFRONTED WITH the awesome foreign grip on the American oil lifeline, it was no wonder that President Carter called for energy legislation only three months after his January inauguration and launched his plan last April with a TV campaign. He returned to TV last week for another call to the American people to gain support for his energy programme.

The bill is designed to reduce energy use by raising its cost through taxes. To us in Israel it is understandable why this problem takes precedence over other issues such as reforming the welfare system, putting social security on a better footing, and tax reform. It is not quite as clear-cut to Americans.

Shortly after the bill was proposed in April I toured the U.S. and can testify that most of Carter's appeals for fuel conservation fell on deaf American ears. The U.S. energy

problem was much in my mind then and I too granted that it rated top priority; after all, the situation just begged for blackmail by the oil suppliers.

But the average attitude with which I met was, "so big, strong and rich that we won't run out of gas anything else." So Americans continue to drive enormous cars, turn on their air conditioners at slightest excuse, overheat their homes, and generally, as though the energy problem exists only in the rest of the world.

But Carter sees otherwise. He even cancelled a nation tour scheduled for November 23 to make a speech last Tuesday and to wait for Congress to come action on his energy bill. The House last summer proved most of the bill, but it was ripped to tatters when it went to the Senate.

THE CARTER PLAN, which hopes to save 4.5 m barrels of oil daily by 1985, is now in the hands of a committee of 43 congressmen, 25 from the House and 18 in the Senate. The unit is trying to reconcile the differences in the versions passed by the two chambers. So far, committee dealt only with the non-controversial part of the bill, and this took up a great deal of time. But was speeded up last week.

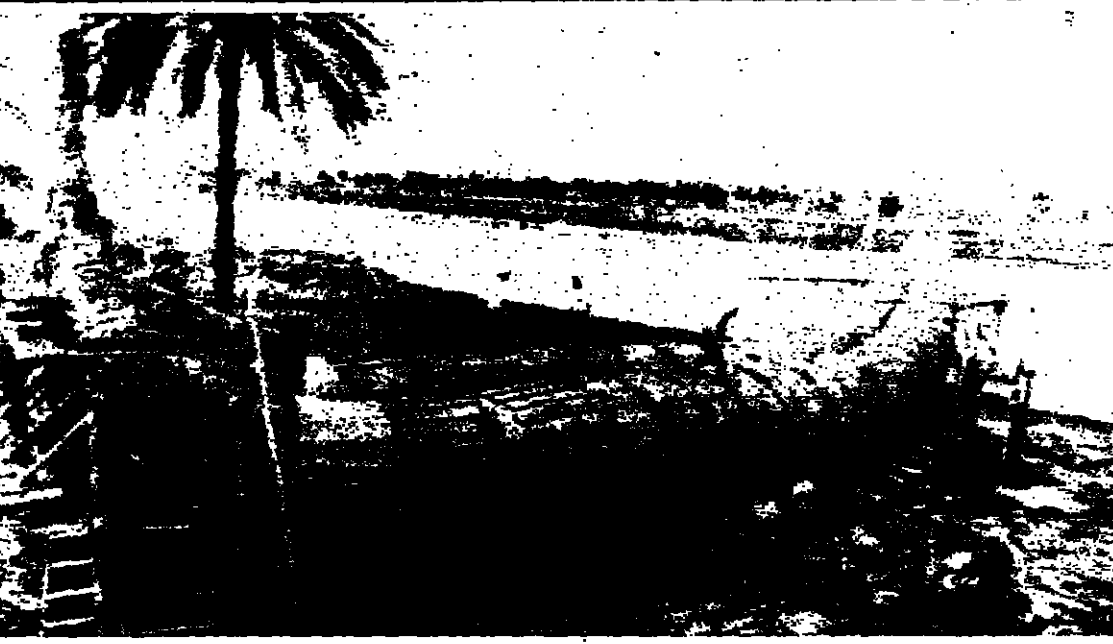
While Carter awaits the conclusion of this process doubtful whether his latest TV appeal is likely to be more effective than his TV addresses on the subject, April.

The American people, I found on my tour, get pass the buck on to others on this subject, when it obviously is blame for the whole sorry situation. Otherwise, U.S. oil imports would not have nearly doubled in the past four years in spite of the not-inconsiderable domestic fuel production.

The U.S. of President Johnson 19 years ago in only 12 per cent of its oil, while the U.S. of President Carter (and he certainly is not to blame for it) today ports nearly half; sheer ineptitude to OPEC power.

It must be said to President Carter's credit that meeting the energy problem with the very first vision of American common sense — and this can be welcomed. Let us hope that the average American guzzler will come around to such a view, too.

Unfortunately, there is one element about which President Carter has only hinted in his speeches, and the interest which the rest of the world must take in the U.S. energy problem. American oil is total more than all Europe combined; and this has an unsettling effect on the world, economical and politically.



Crew members and a team of Peruvian technicians put the final touches on Norwegian explorer Thor Heyerdahl's reed boat, Tigris.

(AP radiophoto)

Heyerdahl to sail this week 'into the unknown'

KURNA, Iraq (Reuters). — Thor Heyerdahl began final preparations yesterday for a voyage into the unknown in a reed boat built to a 6,000-year-old design.

The Kon-Tiki explorer's latest expedition aims to discover how far the Sumerians, the earliest-known settlers in what is now Iraq, could have spread their civilization by voyaging down the Tigris and beyond. He expects to sail this week.

The earliest recorded Sumerian settlements date back to about 3,500 B.C. and Prof. Heyerdahl believes the Sumerians knew how to navigate even before the Pharaonic Egypt-

ians.

But how far they could have sailed is uncertain. Pointing to his banana-shaped vessel, the Norwegian professor said: "This is the oldest type of boat known to man. We will have to find out how long it can float before the reeds become water-logged. I have no idea how long the voyage will last and where it will take us."

The 18-metre boat, named Tigris, was built in six weeks from reeds collected in the Kurna region, according to legend the site of the Garden of Eden.

The Tigris is to take 11 crew, from

nine nations, south through and into the Indian Ocean constructed at Kurna, on the banks of the Tigris. The voyage will be different from Heyerdahl's earlier expeditions which were basically drift trips that depended on the wind currents. "This time we will navigate."

Heyerdahl, 63, gained weight in 1947 with a 5,000-mile lasting 101 days on the balsa Tiki from Peru to the Islands in the Pacific.

Italian police break up left-wing protests

ROME (Reuters). — Italian police made a determined show of strength against left-wing extremists this weekend as the country's major cities were swept by a fresh wave of political violence.

The police, under increasing pressure from the government to crack down on both rightists and left-wing militants, arrested dozens of demonstrators in clashes between riot squads and leftists in at least six cities.

In Rome, more than 100 students were detained during three hours of street battles in the city centre last night that left picturesque squares strewn with broken glass, tear gas, grenades and rocks buried by demonstrators at police.

Most of them were later released, but police said at least 19 would be charged with petrol-bomb attacks on riot units and offices of the ruling

Christian Democratic Party.

Police also broke up violent left-wing demonstrations in Turin, Bologna, Milan, Bari and the southern town of Lecce — where two leftists were shot and wounded in clashes with right-wingers.

Police originally banned all Saturday's demonstrations but mounted heavy patrols in Rome when students defied orders saying they would hold a planned march on the city in protest at the closure of offices of a militant students' group.

"Workers' Autonomy."

Police repeatedly fired shots in the air to disperse 10 students and closed down wing radio stations in the which reported the clash were expected to be back yesterday.

The cabinet of Prime Giulio Andreotti has come under strong pressure from all quarters to quell extremist violence. It faces the worsening law-and-order situation tomorrow.

Rich boy expelled

GORDONSTOWN, Scotland (AP). — Constantine Niarcho, son of Greek shipping tycoon Stavros Niarcho, has been expelled from Gordonstoun School for possession of marijuana, the school said on Saturday.

Lord Leven, chairman of 10 of governors at the school Queen Elizabeth II's two sons are students, confirmed that Constantine was on students expelled for having it.

New archbishop vows to rid Cyprus of foreign occupation

NICOSIA. — Archbishop Chrysostomos, the new head of the independent Cyprus Orthodox Church, said yesterday that he will "struggle to the end" to rid Cyprus of foreign occupation.

Speaking shortly after his enthronement at St. John's Cathedral here, the archbishop pledged that he would follow faithfully in the footsteps of his predecessor, Archbishop Makarios, who died on August 3.

In an hour-long speech, Archbishop Chrysostomos said that until there was a final settlement of the Cyprus dispute, the church would continue its role as an ethnarchy. This means it will work with the government and continue to struggle for the vindication of the rights of the Cypriot people, he said.

The 50-year-old archbishop added: "As long as our land remains under foreign occupation and the invasion army remains on our soil we will continue the struggle."

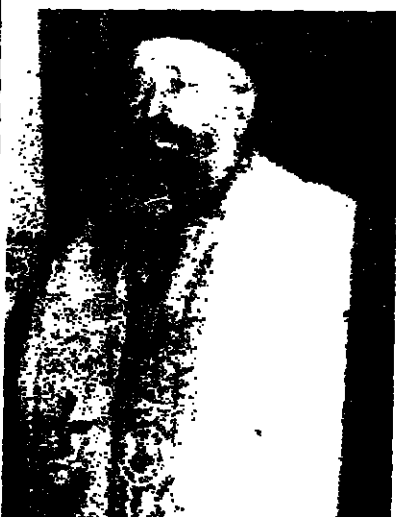
The northern part of Cyprus, about one-third of the Mediterranean

island, has been occupied by Turkish troops since the invasion in July, 1974, following a coup against President Makarios by forces apparently seeking to enforce the union of Cyprus and Greece.

Archbishop Chrysostomos, formerly bishop of Paphos, was enthroned following his election under a unique and complex system involving all one stage the participation of all Greek-Cypriot men over 21.

As senior bishop of the Cyprus church, which has been an independent body within the Eastern Orthodox family for 1,500 years, he had been acting archbishop since the death of Makarios.

The political tone of his speech raised speculation that even if the archbishop was not planning to follow the example of Makarios and aim for secular power as well, he apparently intended to have an important say in the election of a new president, who will serve a full five-year term from February next year. (Reuters, UPI).



Chrysostomos after his election as Archbishop of Cyprus.

(AP radiophoto)

Moroccan MP held in marijuana ring bust

RABAT (Reuters). — Moroccan authorities have arrested 70 people, including a member of parliament, in smashing a big marijuana smuggling-ring which shipped the 'drug' to Spain labelled as chocolate bars and biscuits, the newspaper "Al-Maghrib" said yesterday.

Those arrested also included customs officers, gendarmes and representatives of the state tobacco monopoly, the paper said. It reported that large quantities of concentrated marijuana — up to 80 tons, according to some sources — were smuggled in small boats from northern Morocco to Barcelona.

SHAN TO U.S. — The Shah of Iran left Tehran yesterday for a two-day official visit to the U.S. The Shah will stop over in Paris.

Gales leave 10 dead in N. Europe

LONDON (UPI). — Gale-force winds hammered northern Europe during the weekend, leaving at least 10 persons dead.

The storms, packing winds up to 147 kph, caused widespread property damage throughout Northern England and forced hundreds of families to flee their flooded homes.

Cross-channel shipping services between Britain and France were disrupted Saturday and temperatures yesterday fell below freezing in Northeast England.

Although the storms began

abating yesterday, their toll was heavy.

They claimed one victim Saturday when the 29-member British crew of the cargo vessel Hero abandoned ship in the North Sea and one seaman was swept away as a West German helicopter rescued the others.

A man was killed when the wind blew him off the sidewalk into a factory basement in Nottingham and two drivers were killed in a crash in Harwich caused when a strong gust of wind caught one of their vehicles.

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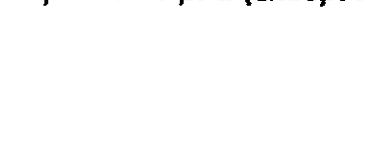
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Israelis get warm Soviet welcome

By NAOMI RAGEN/Special to The Jerusalem Post

USUALLY" solicitous of their Soviet hosts, the Israeli delegation back from the UN Conference on Environmental Protection in Tbilisi, Georgia, on Oct. 14-26, Uri Marinov, Director of the Environmental Protection Service, had no trouble getting visas, even for the group's members, and the Soviet bureaucracy was like the Ivory Tower of the conference, says Mr. Yael Kuberasky, Minister of the Ministry of the Environment, who led the Israeli delegation. "The conference was a professional and free of all in a friendly country and the Soviet Union was the official of the tour, the official of the tour, to allow participation in the post-tour tours scheduled by the O. After official Israeli tours, however, the Intourist quickly invited the Israelis to the tours, and described the tour as a mistake on the part of a official. The South Koreans, red, were carried on to the sea on the same wave of mity.

Efforts to avoid misde-fuse political controversy attributed to this being the first governmental conference in Russia, as well as to the Olympics and potential Geneva. Moreover, the tour to attend, despite an invitation, invites speculation whether the Russians had had politicalization of the tour would not be a comedy. It was in a comedy, by Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Morocco, Mauritania, to insert a thinly-veiled clause into the Draft of the environment that they, affect or threaten the of ancient civilisations, and national or religious be prohibited and held al acts." The final draft,

Final word on bulbs

GARDENER'S CORNER/Walter Frankl

My last article in the series growing, and my last ad-se time and garden space, I was told that the growing flower bulbs so as to bring beauty to the spring. These bulbs, our gardens, are poorer throughout the year, particularly in autumn. Spring. The bulbs produce different kinds of decorative multi-coloured, elegant flowers, which are not prevalent in Israel, except perhaps the calla, which are very expensive to buy. (I have seen them for nearly impossible to grow.) There are of beautiful flowers in rare, but they last only a few weeks. There are also bulb flowers very popular in Israel in the, but have lost their lustre in recent decades. The big snow-white flowers are useful for decoration. Rhizomes of cultivated callas in pink and yellow are offered in our seed shops at a high price. A dark purple nearly black, calla grows wild in Israel's hilly regions and in moist valleys (wadis). It is called Arum palaestinum or Jerusalem arum. In gardens, callas are mostly grown as border plants, but I have grown them successfully in balcony containers and in medium-sized or big flowerpots. If the stems are broken by heavy storms, cut the broken parts off and let them produce new leaves. To avoid breakage of hollow stems, use stakes. Callas grow very well in half-shade or in full sunshine. You may leave the rhizomes in the soil after the flowers fade and the leaves become yellow. They will produce more flowers next season. If possible let them dry out and rest during the summer, and start watering in September. **Besides:** In six consecutive articles I have described 19 bulb flowers in the hope of encouraging you to grow at least some of them in your own garden.

After the flowering period of a bulb is over, all parts of the new plant are formed for the next year and the foliage dies away; later even the roots die and the bulb stays dormant for a long time. It is while bulbs are in this dormant condition that they are shipped commercially and sold to gardeners. Don't cut off the foliage when the flowers are gone! Allow it to ripen and die naturally. In sunlight, chemical action in the leaves and stems produces plant food by transforming and combining the carbon dioxide in the air with moisture and mineral elements from the soil. This action is essential to build next season's flowers. If you grow your bulbs in flower-beds, it will be advantageous to lift them (except calla rhizomes) every year after the foliage is gone and to store them over the summer. The bulbs must be cleaned well and kept in a cool dry place, best in a perforated box, filled with dry sand or sawdust — slightly dusted with sulphapowder against fungoids.

I leave nearly all my flower bulbs in the soil (without watering) till June-July. By that time, I am sure the foliage has died and dried completely. Since nearly all my flower-bulbs grow in containers, it is easier for me to examine them in July, to separate the bulbets from the main bulb, to remove infested bulbs and to prepare the containers for the next planting.



A NATIONAL COSTUME is what Yael Hovav needed to wear as Miss Israel in the Miss World contest opening on Thursday in London, and this kaftan, woven in white wool with gold threads by Maskit, was designed for her by Gypsy of Jerusalem — after Yael and her designers spent hours talking with folklorists at the Israel Museum. With the kaftan, Yael wears Yemenite and other traditional oriental bronze jewellery, gold brocade pants and the traditional Yemenite "sock" above the bare foot. (Rosenblatt)

Practice of investigating jurors prompts court case in California

SAN FRANCISCO. — After being questioned as a prospective juror in a civil lawsuit here, Godfrey Lehman raised his hand and asked the judge a question.

"I understand there are services which investigate jurors' backgrounds and sell the information to attorneys," said Lehman, an advertising consultant. "I would like to know if I was investigated and, if so, what information about me has been provided to the attorneys in the case."

The judge refused the request. Lehman sued. He lost at trial, appealed and the matter is now pending before the State Court of Appeals.

Investigations of jurors in criminal trials of well-known persons have become commonplace in recent years. Many questions have been raised about the propriety of such investigations and of the use of psychological profiling in an effort to select a jury favourable to one side.

LEHMAN's case apparently marks the first time that a juror or prospective juror has stood up to challenge these investigations and points up the fact that they are not limited to major criminal cases. In San Francisco and some other cities, nearly every person called to jury duty is the subject of one or more reports, most of them cursory, by persons who make their living selling information about jurors to attorneys.

San Francisco has three firms that collect information on persons called for jury duty and sell the information to attorneys.

A sampling of the data collected by one of these jury background firms shows that the preponderance of information is collected from public records and from answers to questions asked of the persons during previous court appearances as prospective jurors.

This information is often used by lawyers to shape question during the questioning (voir dire) of prospective jurors to establish cause for accepting or rejecting.

"The information I have is almost entirely from the public record and what jurors say during voir dire," said Ray McClung, a former Los Angeles newspaperman who runs his "jury books" to a number of attorneys, including the U.S. attorney, with cases in Federal court here. McClung also provides a copy of his book, free of charge, to the Federal public defender.

"I won't do credit checks, interview people's neighbours, things like that," McClung said. "I don't think that kind of information is really very useful in determining bias."

McClung rents his typed, loose-leaf reports on prospective jurors for fees ranging up from \$25. The fee depends on the amount of money awarded to resolve civil disputes.

IN CRIMINAL CASES, McClung charges a flat fee for his basic work. For an extra fee, he said, he will check additional public records, such as land title and tax documents.

"The real value in these books is the record of how the juror voted in past cases," McClung said, turning to a page containing a 300-word report on a man who voted twice as a juror years earlier for large awards sought by plaintiffs in civil suits.

McClung's report on the man, one of 800 persons on a panel of prospective jurors who must be available for jury duty for several months, showed he had been immediately rejected by one side or the other each time he was called during the current term.

LEHMAN, who has been called to jury duty three times in his life, the last time in 1976, finds any kind of report on jurors repugnant.

"Lawyers are trying to manipulate the jury system," Lehman said in an interview. "They don't want fair and impartial juries, they want biased juries — biased to their side."

Lehman wrote a pamphlet in 1968 — "What You Need to Know for Jury Duty" — and has written an as-yet-unpublished book on the history of juries and their role in defending the common man from abuses by the government. The book is severely critical of investigations of juries.

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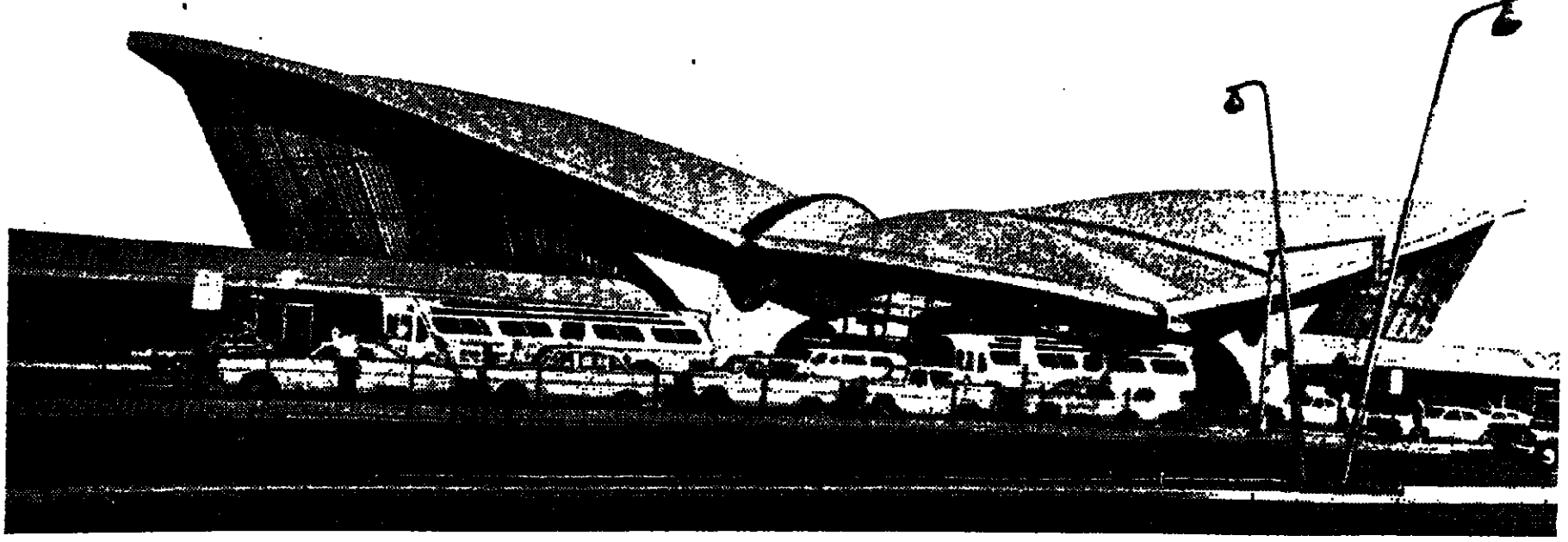
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Profit-taking, while financials still rise

TEL AVIV. — Financial and mortgage bank shares continued to rise, but profit-taking was apparent in other segments of the market yesterday. Trade expanded to more than 11,000 shares. The index-linked bank shares suffered rather sharp reverses, three per cent, and fell by 100 points. The market's market open for a week in the stage of all probability will be a stage of profit-taking without taking an immediate return commitment, the next session or so, to see process of backing up or filling. This could certainly be considered as a healthy correction.

Recent redemptions of indexed bonds, the relatively large one in the hands of the public, and most recently, the \$100 million of indexed bonds, are underlying factors which may provide an additional boost to the market over the short pull.

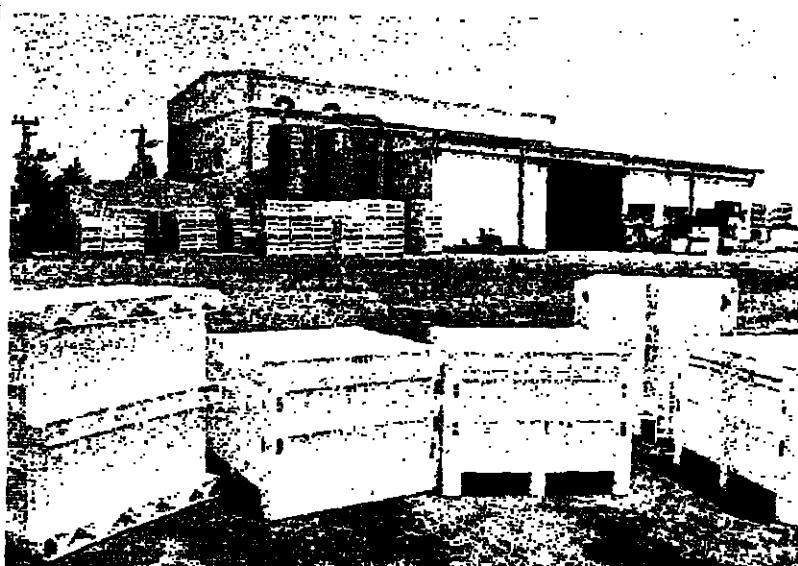
LD3, pref. "A" shares, while

heading the most-active list, gained six points to 352.5. Bank Leumi did not trade in the wake of the bank's announcement of its forthcoming public offering in the order of IL150m. Unilever Bank was 21 lower at 1,249, with the regular options unchanged. The No. 3 options, however, were 50 higher at 708 and the debentures rose sharply by 39 points to 425. Discount Bank shares were "buyers only" and rose to 1,945, while the Discount "A" shares rose by 85 to 1,165.

Among mortgage banks General Mortgage was 16 lower at 799. Tefahot, in anticipation of the government's selling its share in the bank to foreign investors, rose by 68 points to 780.

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New lightweight plastic boxes set out on the grounds of the Dolav kibbutz plant in the Negev.

Kibbutz plant makes plastic box pallet to replace wooden model

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A "heavy-duty" multi-purpose box pallet, said to be the first of its kind made of plastic, is now marketed by Dolav Plastic Products, a joint enterprise of the Dvir and Lahav kibbutzim in the Negev.

According to Dolav, the box has many advantages over similar ones now in use throughout the world, made of wooden planks reinforced by metal. Although it costs about one-third more than a wooden pallet box, the plastic box lasts much longer, is stronger, easier to fix, and considerably lighter.

A wooden box weighs between 75 and 80 kilograms, compared to only 41 kilograms for the plastic one. The idea to produce such a plastic pallet originated with Reuven Land, new director-general of the Ministry of Agriculture, when he was head of Tnuva Export.

He was looking for an "aesthetic" container, which could be sterilized and which would be durable. It was to be used for transporting fairly stable vegetables such as carrots, corn, citrus, peanuts, and even tomatoes, for the canning industry, from the fields to the packing plants and markets. It also had to be suitable for shipping abroad, packed with vegetables or other items.

Machinery was acquired in Germany, and today the Dolav plant has a capacity of 70,000 crates a year. The entire work force consists of 12 persons, working in three shifts.

During the past ten months Dolav made 20,000 boxes. Of these, 15,000 were sold here, the remaining being sold abroad. Each box costs IL2,000, or DM165 in West Germany. A box can also be rented for IL3 a day.

Plans for 1978 call for making 30,000 units, of which half will be sold abroad. Eventually it is hoped to increase production to the full capacity of 70,000 a year.

Court order on inventory tax

Supreme Court Justice Moshe Hershon has ordered Finance Minister Simha Shtrich to show cause, within 30 days, why he should not desist from collecting an inventory tax on stocks of imported goods in the hands of merchants on October 30, when the Israel pound was floated.

The order was requested by the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Chamber of Commerce.

The petitioner quoted from the minister's speech in the Knesset on October 31, in which he said that the purpose of the levy was to prevent unjustified profits. This was hardly a reason for resorting to emergency regulations, which are meant to be employed for vital matters such as defence and public security, the chamber said.

The order also calls upon Shtrich to explain why he should not desist from collecting a levy from merchants who undertake not to raise prices on the goods in question. (Him)

Katz does not expect mass unemployment

TEL AVIV. — During the first ten days of November the number of unemployed who called at labour exchanges was no greater than in October, despite the New Economic Policy, Labour and Social Affairs Minister Yisrael Katz said here Thursday.

Dr. Katz told The Post that there may be some businesses which will have to close down, but that mass unemployment is not expected. His ministry, however, has plans ready for moving workers to new jobs, if necessary. "I believe we will have to organize a unified pension system if we want workers to be mobile," he said. "Maybe in another 20 years the Jewish mother will still want her son to be a doctor or a lawyer, but we can at least try to improve the image of production work, its wages and working conditions."

He recommended carrying out research on the manpower needs of the economy so that government allocations can be channelled to encourage those types of vocational and professional training which the country needs. He gave training of managers for both the public and private sector as an example.

So far, despite the new home name which unifies the former Ministries of Welfare and of Labour, the ministries still function as separate entities. The minister said, however, that a team will be set up soon to plan the integration of the ministries and the National Insurance Institute into a cohesive whole. "For example, rehabilitation is now in the Welfare Ministry. But it involves work problems as well as social issues — and some disabled are rich, others are poor, some are academics and others illiterate. A separate rehabilitation department, which would utilize the resources of both the Welfare and Labour Ministry staffs, would avoid the stigma of the disabled person going to a welfare office," Dr. Katz said.

"I hope I can now carry out many, if not all, of the recommendations made by the commission I coordinated on problem youth," he said. "Now I don't have an alibi," he said.

GNP growth of 4.5% expected next year

By SHLOMO MAOZ

The Treasury's economic adviser, Shlomo Maoz, yesterday published the economic forecasts which underlie the draft budget submitted last Friday. According to this forecast, the gross national product in 1978 will grow by 4.5 per cent, compared with 1.7 per cent in 1977 and 0.9 per cent in 1976.

Inflation, however, will continue unabated. In the last three months of 1977, prices are expected to go up 18 per cent and the price level for the whole year will be 34 per cent higher than in 1976. Before the New Economic Policy it was predicted to be 25 per cent. In 1978, inflation will also run at the same rate and prices will be 35 per cent above those of 1977.

As for private consumption, 1978 will mean more belt-tightening than 1977. This year total private consumption will be 3.5 bigger than in 1976 (a 1.2 per cent rise per capita), while in 1978 there will be zero per capita growth in consumption. Public consumption, which in 1977 will be nine per cent lower than in 1976, mainly because defence expenditures were postponed, will go up again by seven per cent in 1978, when

the Defence Ministry will make the purchases held over from this year. But civilian public consumption, which in 1977 rose four per cent, will decline by one per cent in 1978. In per capita terms, this means a fall of 3.5 per cent.

Unemployment, which rose from 3.3 per cent in 1976 to 3.6 per cent in 1977, will continue to go up and reach 4.5 per cent in 1978. The total number of unemployed will go up from 42,000 this year to 53,000 in 1978. The increase represents about half the annual increment to the labour force. At the same time, the Treasury expects output per worker to rise by 3.2 per cent, as against a zero increase this year.

Private savings, which in 1976 declined to 23 per cent of disposable private income (from 31 per cent in 1975), is expected to grow again and come to 26 per cent in 1977.

The current trade deficit will continue to shrink significantly in 1977 — by \$500m. to a total of \$2,765m., but will rise again to \$3b. in 1978 as a result of increased defence imports. Exports of goods and services are supposed to grow by 18 per cent in current values, while imports will rise by 14 per cent.

Stepped-up oil imports from Mexico

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — "As long as Israel has no oil of her own, the next best thing for her is that oil should be in a friendly country such as Mexico," Jorge Diaz Serrano, director-general of Pemex, Mexico's national petroleum company, said yesterday. During his stay here arrangements were made for Israel to step up oil purchases from Mexico from one million tons this year, to between 1.25m. and 1.5m. tons in 1978.

Invitation of the Paz Oil Company and the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure. The guests are leaving today.

Israel has been buying oil from Pemex for the past three years, under a contract between Pemex and the Paz Oil Company, to which the Delek and Sonol companies have been a party. Pemex is expanding its oil exports and has expressed interest in enlarging its sales to Israel.

President Katsir yesterday received Mr. Serrano who was accompanied by the Mexican ambassador.

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Toy Fund party at the Jerusalem Plaza

THE JERUSALEM PLAZA Hotel is holding a benefit evening for the Jerusalem Post Toy Fund this Saturday at 9 p.m. Tickets are being distributed free of charge to tourists and Jerusalemites who will be asked to make a contribution to the Toy Fund on the spot.

The premiere of a one-act play — "Jerusalem Spy Story" — will be presented. It is in English and is all about the tension which we live. After the play, Mrs. and Mr. Rona, stars of the pop hit musical "Your People and Mine" will entertain with a collection of hit hit tunes. Dancing follows. The "Jerusalem Plaza" has become quite well known for its involvement in community affairs. Entrance to this Saturday night party by tickets only, which are available at the

A.A.C.I. on Rehov Alkalay and the Government Tourist Office at 24 King George Street, Jerusalem.

Our Toy Fund mailbags are a delight — it is so heartening to read all the kind words our donors write. Yesterday IL4,322 came in, bringing the total so far to IL26,525. Our kind readers have noted that all our gifts are going to be very expensive this year and they seem to be upping their contributions accordingly.

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	Selling	Buying
U.S. \$	18.2908	15.1650
Sterling	27.6813	27.6215
Swiss Fr.	6.9201	6.8601
Belgian Fr. (1)	4.3255	4.2778
Swedish Kr.	3.1929	3.1646
French Fr.	3.1852	3.1078
Danish Kr.	2.9007	2.4790
Austrian Sh. (1)	9.5627	9.4682
Dutch Fl.	6.2636	6.2343
DM	6.8080	6.7489
Italian Lire (1000)	17.9513	17.9513
Finnish M.	3.6445	3.6768
Norwegian Kr.	2.7920	2.7675
Yen	17.7554	13.6821
Rand	4.5770	17.8070
Australian \$	4.0590	17.2087
Yen (1000)	6.324	61.5837

INTERBANK LONDON SPOT RATES:

	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month
U.S. Dollar	1.8213	1.8213	1.8213
DM	2.2471	2.2471	2.2471
Swiss Fr.	2.2115	2.2115	2.2115
Belgian Fr.	35.35	35.35	35.35
Dutch Fl.	2.4315/3	2.4315/3	2.4315/3
Yen	245.30/4	245.30/4	245.30/4
French Fr.	4.8770/80	4.8770/80	4.8770/80
Danish Kr.	6.1335/50	6.1335/50	6.1335/50
Swedish Kr.	4.7895/05	4.7895/05	4.7895/05
Norwegian Kr.	5.4778/83	5.4778/83	5.4778/83

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	1 Month	3 Month	6 Month
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Hopes and realities

WHETHER PRESIDENT SADAT'S dramatic "Going to Jerusalem" initiative and Prime Minister Begin's no less spectacular address to the Egyptian nation constitute a serious breakthrough in the Arab-Israeli dispute, or are merely another — albeit inspired — exercise in public relations, time will tell.

Nonetheless, exercises such as these often have a dynamic of their own. The reception which these initiatives have received here at home and in the Egyptian press and parliament offer a striking indication — after the obvious effects of the theatricality have been discounted — of the underlying desire for peace which does exist.

Pure logic, of course, has always militated in favour of an amicable solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute in preference to the periodic wars of growing intensity which have punctuated the history of this region over the past thirty years.

But logic and enlightened self-interest have rarely been permitted to become the determining factors in setting the course of history. In the Middle East, the experience of thirty years has been that the few potentially moderating elements in the Arab world have always been silenced — and sometimes silenced for good — by the radical, atavistic elements who perceived the very existence of Israel as a mortal affront to Arabism which had to be eradicated at all costs.

There is as yet little evidence that President Sadat has really dissociated himself from this camp or that he is capable of freeing his country from its overwhelming dominance in the Arab world. There is more evidence for the contention that Sadat is motivated more by considerations of Egypt's and his own regime's self-interest, which at the present time is focused on fostering Egypt's growing ties with the U.S. and the Carter Administration, specifically.

Nevertheless, President Sadat has made it clear that he is ready to take political risks, hitherto considered unacceptable in the Arab world, to get to Geneva. His latest initiative may be seen as much a challenge to Syria's Assad and to the PLO leadership, who constitute a main stumbling block to Geneva, rather than a mere public relations ploy.

The initiative by itself does not as yet constitute the breakthrough in Arab attitudes to Israel which could lead to peace for which Israel has been waiting these three decades. But the dynamic which it may set off may lead to such a breakthrough.

Mr. Begin's instinctive decision to respond to Sadat's initiative in kind is to be welcomed as his decision not to reject a priori the latest American-Egyptian trial balloon of having American university professors of Palestinian origin represent the Palestinians in a joint Arab delegation at the opening session of the Geneva Conference.

In the euphoria created by last week's initiatives one should not, however, lose sight of harsh realities and recent lessons of history.

Rabbinical turmoil

THE ELECTIONS are over. Jerusalem has once more — after an interval of many years — a brace of Chief Rabbis, one Sephardi, Rabbi Shalom Mashash, and one Ashkenazi, Rabbi Bezalel Zolti. Everything is in order at last.

Except that the whole process has left a bitter taste in the mouth. Democracy is admittedly a very argumentative affair. During the long squabble over the succession in Jerusalem to the late Zvi Pesach Frank and the late Elihu Pardess, there have been a lot of legitimate theological and ideological conflicts.

Rabbi Zolti is rigid in his orthodoxy, and was therefore also attractive to Agudat Yisrael. Rabbi Dov Lior, his defeated rival, more closely associated with the Land of Israel movement, therefore attracted the younger section of the National Religious Party.

Which was well and good. Differences can be settled by a vote; that is what democracy is for. But the voting was delayed for ages — seven years since Pardess died, 17 years since Frank left this world.

To postpone elections for fear of losing them is not democratic; such a deadlock savours of theocracy. Chief Rabbi Shimon Goren opposed Zolti. Chief Rabbi Yosef, who is not on speaking terms with Goren, supported Zolti. Labour supported Zolti too, and not only because he was the better man. Part of the NRP opposed Zolti and pressured Lior into standing against him, though Lior was not all that keen.

There were other potential candidates, learned men and rabbis of stature who would not advance their candidacy at all, because they were disgusted by the intrigues and personal hostilities and corridor politics that marred the electoral process.

This confused situation requires serious attention. Cleaning up rabbinical politics could be a common interest for both the observant and non-observant sections of the population. The first necessity is to make periodical elections obligatory under the law, with no possibility of postponement, except for technical reasons, which would have to be approved by the (secular) Supreme Court.

The second necessity is to do less talking about ritual and more talking about the place of morality in religion. Here, the absence of the Jewish liberal and reform movements from the scene slows down the introduction of sweet reason into the harsh area of dogma.

Open rifts between important rabbinical leaders are acts that run counter to Jewish morality, as expressed in our holy writings. That fact should be stated loud and clear. Study days are commonly devoted to such minutiae of observance as to whether an electric refrigerator may be used on the Sabbath.

It would be better to run study days on the proper conduct of relations between individuals and factions within the religious establishment. This kind of open-minded discussion would make a better contribution to helping re-root Judaism in the hearts of the many sceptics in Israel who have grown indifferent over the years.

THE HISTADRUT convention is over. It was held in the midst of the first major confrontation between organized labour and the present Government. In addition to the immediate item on Yeruham Meshel's agenda — haggling with Finance Minister Simha Ehrlich to lessen the blow to the workers dealt by the New Economic Policy — the Histadrut will have to set out on the long hard march back into the hearts of the rank-and-file.

So far, there is little indication that the Alignment leadership has a clear recognition of what has happened, and what is in store for the Histadrut, its last political bulwark. In both the Alignment and the labour federation, there is still a hankering to put the "national" interest above "class" interest; there is still that almost welcome fall into the trap of regarding the representation of organized labour as apolitical. There is no greater humbug than the pretence that a labour organization, which by definition is vitally involved in major policy issues, can adopt an apolitical stance in any field of national policy, including foreign policy.

The extent to which the Histadrut is — and can be — apolitical should have become crystal-clear to the Alignment last week, when delegates of the Likud's Herut faction used strong-arm tactics to disrupt the convention. The time has come for the labour leaders to realize that the Likud Government is not about to fade away, and that it will not keep its hands off the Histadrut.

The Likud's strategy is to consolidate its political power, by systematically undermining the Histadrut. The attack will not be dramatic. Messrs. Ehrlich and Flom will be more subtle and sophisticated. It is reasonable to assume that those two Liberal gentlemen regard the performance of the Herut rowdies as a distasteful and politically dangerous slip.

What happened at the convention demonstrates how fatefully silly it has been for the Alignment to accept the Trojan horse of the Blue-White (Likud) faction in the name of mamelchut (etatism) and that conceptual mishmash which goes under

Can the Histadrut be apolitical?

The Histadrut must abandon the notion that it serves the "national" rather than the "class" interest — and become a clearly political organization — if it is to survive the challenge to it posed by the Likud government, writes MEIR MERHAV.

the name of pluralism, and has befuddled the minds of labour for a generation.

That faction brought the Likud to a position of power, by feeding on the discontent of the underprivileged strata of workers. It also can destroy the Histadrut from within. Meshel's steadfast attempts to defend the interests of organized labour with "love for them all," as he declared in his closing speech at the convention, and to reach some sort of agreement with Ehrlich, raise the danger of a Likud takeover after the next Histadrut election, or of hamstringing the labour federation completely until then.

IF THE HISTADRUT majority does not consider its historic role ended, it should make the search for a way to get the Likud faction expelled from the Histadrut the first item on its agenda.

The "generality" of Israel's General Federation of Labour is not an end in itself. The need for a broad base — which goes back to the days of the British Mandate, when the Histadrut was one of the major power structures of the state-in-the-making — is perhaps useful also while the Alignment was in power. It has now become counterproductive today, because it only serves to further obscure the specificity of a labour organization — which must have a labourite outlook, ideology and social-political programme.

No harm will come to labour as a whole, and to the labour movement in particular, if the Likud faction in the Histadrut is forced to become what it used to be — the Histadrut Ha'ovdim Ha'le'umit (National Workers Organization). Let it be what it really wants to be, what it

wants the whole Histadrut to become — a trade union, pure and simple.

In all likelihood, such an independent, right-wing trade union would seem to do well for a while. The present Government would favour it over the truncated, but still much bigger and much more powerful Histadrut. Ultimately, however, the workers would see it for what it really was — or, better still, it would be forced into constant clashes with the Likud Government.

Formally, the Alignment does not command the two-thirds Histadrut majority needed to expel the Likud. But the Likud faction itself showed the way this can be done. At the convention, it tried to saddle the Histadrut with a political resolution supporting the Government's foreign policy, copying word for word, a resolution adopted at the 12th convention. This crude action was a clear acceptance of the Histadrut as a political organism, with definite political positions, or at least — an indication that is what it should be. As such the Histadrut must support one policy and oppose another; it must congratulate a government it favours and censure one it does not sympathize with.

The majority must, therefore, push through resolutions and carry out actions which will force the minority to leave. Such a split will force radical, labour-oriented Likud leaders like David Levy and Yoram Aridor, to fight their own battles with Simha Ehrlich and the employers, rather than hide behind the skirts of Yeruham Meshel and be partners in his achievements, while simultaneously doing their best to undermine the Histadrut from within.

But a mere split will not be

enough. The Histadrut will have to go back to the rank and file, to make it a partner in the revitalization of the labour movement as a whole. The organizational changes that Meshel has in mind, towards a greater democratization of the Histadrut at all levels, are good — as far as they go. Greater representation of the rank-and-file on central bodies is a step forward. The trouble is that many of these representatives quickly acquire rank, and lose touch with the file.

The Histadrut will have to demonstrate that it means to be more than a trade union. It will have to show how it can protect its members as citizens, as consumers, as parents with schoolchildren, and to provide cultural and educational services. These will have to fulfil not only their immediate purpose, but will have to have an integrative function. Since the slogan now is competition, let the Histadrut compete with the Likud. It will do it good.

UNLESS THE Histadrut makes its presence felt in the street, in every neighbourhood, in every organization, it will be doomed to be reduced to the status the Likud has in mind for it — that of a mere trade union. Much of what is necessary can be done, even in three years. With leadership, tight organization and a clear purpose in mind, a new Histadrut can emerge, even in that short span of time. The less it is shackled by internal sabotage, the more effective can it be.

All this will require men and money. Now is the time for the Histadrut's economic empire to prove that it does not exist just for its own sake. It is still powerful; it can still mobilize the resources needed to

the Histadrut back on its feet, money that built the enterprise, lately came from labour. Some should now go back to re-build it.

the same token, the Histadrut should divest itself of all the services, responsibilities it can no longer sustain, without state assistance. Kupat Holim, for example, is no more than a millstone around labour's neck. Ehrlich is obviously out of touch with the rank-and-file, and should be ousted. The Histadrut should create a situation in which Kupat Holim have to close down clinics and other services, and there is no alternative but to turn to the state for their clientele, and their rank-and-file members.

Instead, coming hat in hand, the Finance Minister for another 10,000, to pay Kupat Holim got Meshel also hand him the keys to Kupat Holim. Now, the Histadrut should send its representatives over the counter to the Government at a realistic rate. The Histadrut might even run the staff on payroll — rent its services to the Government for appropriate fees, including all overheads. After economic rationality is now the order of the day, responsibility, however, should be Health Minister Shostak's. He is certainly better placed to get the necessary funds from Simha Ehrlich than either Meshel or Prof. Haim Doron.

Fortunately, it is likely that Meshel, like other Alignment leaders, will not be able to shed illusion that he is still responsible running the state. His real responsibility — that of an opposition — whose task is to criticize, to demand, to extract achievements from the government — will probably be brought home to him by that government itself. By then it may be too late to find that Yoram Aridor, taken over by Yoram Aridor, is the point of utter dependence on the government.

At that time, even Ehrlich, Begin will come to like the Histadrut. As Shulamit Aloni pointed out recently, in another context, governments love dependents. One depends even more than others on dependents.

Dry Bones



POSTSCRIPTS

A FAIR-MINDED reader believes that credit should be paid publicly when it is due, particularly where the local police are concerned.

She writes that after having tea on a recent Saturday afternoon in Jericho, she found on arriving home in Jerusalem that she had left her car in the hands of a Dutch aerogramme addressed to Iraq TV.

The sender's name was not marked, but a post office box number appears. The only other clue is that it is addressed to the "programme-buying department" of the Baghdad TV station.

If the errant air letter ever does reach its intended destination, the Iraqis will notice a few words in Hebrew on the face of it. An Israeli Radio employee marked it "le'hakir la'sholeah" (return to sender).

notice as well as private thanks," her letter concludes. She has also sent a copy to Police HQ. B.G.F.

THE NAMES of both countries, after all, start with the letter "I."

That's the only explanation we can think of for the arrival at the English department of Israeli Radio in Jerusalem of a Dutch aerogramme addressed to Iraq TV.

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J.S.

READERS' LETTERS

BEHIND THE WASHINGTON SCENE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The October 14 article of Wolf Blitzer stating that Hamilton Jordan was furious when the Soviet-U.S. agreement was issued (since he didn't know about it, and if he had known, he would not have permitted its publication) is a tale of a thousand and one nights. Anyone who wishes to study the process of decision making in the White House will know that every major decision is known to at least the immediate circle of individuals working on a particular problem or issue. To say that the chief of staff of the President of the U.S. did not know, and to imply that Brzezinski was solely responsible for it is to imply that Carter doesn't know what is going on and that foreign policy is decided by one man, namely Brzezinski. And yet, after Jordan's discovery, the same Brzezinski and Vance met with Dayan in New York without Jordan.

I submit that Mr. Blitzer was taken in by Hamilton Jordan, who tried to play the good guy. Mr. Jordan's job is to review every presidential speech. He sees the President several times a day, and it is inconceivable that Jordan knew nothing about Gromyko's visit when the agreement was sealed.

Let no one make the error of assuming that Brzezinski is the only villain in the White House. Foreign policy in the U.S. is made jointly by the close associates of the President, the Secretary of State and several other members of the State Department and the National Security Council.

We in Washington feel that the present policy by this administration is a calculated predetermined plan which definitely swings toward the Arabs, in particular Saudi Arabia. M. OEGEL

Washington, D.C.

Wolf Blitzer comments:

Of course, Hamilton Jordan knew that Gromyko was in town for talks with the President and the Secretary of State. Everyone knew that the Soviet Foreign Minister was here — his picture was on the front page of major U.S. dailies. What I wrote was that Jordan did not know in advance that Gromyko and Vance were going to issue a joint communiqué on the Middle East on Saturday, October 1. Neither Jordan nor any other administration official has denied this. The fact that Jordan had not been informed of the pending statement was first reported by Robert Kaiser in "The Washington Post," on October 7. Kaiser's report, which was confirmed to me by no less than half a dozen White House officials, said: "This was not the first time that a major foreign policy decision was held tightly within a small group at the top of the Carter administration. Indeed, this has been the rule, not the exception, since the new President took office in January."

One final point: I did not write in my piece that U.S. foreign policy is decided by only one man, namely Zbigniew Brzezinski. In fact, I made the specific point that the original idea for the joint statement was conceived by Vance. I agree that U.S. foreign policy is made jointly by the President and his top foreign policy aides. Unfortunately, the President did not bother to consult with one of his top domestic advisers before giving Vance the green light to issue that statement.

NISSIM GAON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Mark Segal's article on Nissim Gaon "A long way from Khartoum" (October 19).

I do not know Mr. Gaon personally, but heard about his great fortune and financial success. I think that his material ambitions kept him from settling in Israel, as the late Ben-Gurion asked him to do, and not the belief that he served Israel best by living in Geneva.

Three years ago, I spent Succot in Geneva while visiting my family in Switzerland, and was absolutely shocked to see the swaggery Mr. Gaon had built for himself and the Sephardi Jews in Geneva. It is a

beautiful modern building and certainly cost hundreds of thousands of dollars. Yet in the whole of Switzerland there are only about 20,000 Jews. How many Sephardi Jews are there in Geneva to justify such a lavish building? There is the old synagogue in Geneva which hardly fills up for regular Sabbath services.

When I saw Mr. Gaon's synagogue I thought of our miserable little shuls here in the newly built neighbourhoods of Jerusalem, where people have to crowd in every Sabbath, and of the Holydays when school auditoriums have to be taken over to make room for the crowd.

Jerusalem. RUTH WEIL

DR. JACOB ROBINSON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In your obituary of Jacob Robinson (October 28), you mentioned his accomplishments as a historian of the Holocaust and as an adviser to the Jewish Agency and State of Israel in New York. However, you did not refer to his extraordinary accomplishments in the pre-World War II period as an outstanding leader of Lithuanian Jewry and champion of minority rights in international forums in Europe.

Dr. Robinson was a deputy of the Lithuanian Parliament and chairman of the Jewish faction in Parliament. He was a leader of the General Zionist in Lithuania, representing them at World Zionist Congresses. While engaged in a lucrative private law practice in Kaunas, Dr. Robinson was a prolific writer in the field of international law, especially on the rights of minorities, and on the defence of those rights in Europe. Dr. Robinson also acted as legal adviser to the Lithuanian Government at the League of Nations and in its territorial dispute with Poland.

With the death of Dr. Robinson, the last of the great leaders of Lithuanian Jewry in the pre-Holocaust period has departed from the Jewish scene.

Jerusalem. DR. RUBEN EFRO

NAME CALLING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — When I read our Prime Minister's statement that the opposition to his government's economic policy was using "Bolshevik tones" (November 3), I had a horrifying feeling of déjà vu. I was frighteningly reminded of the McCarthy era in the United States when the opposition was subjected to vicious witch-hunts which characterized that dark era of American history. Although I am too young to have witnessed the beginnings of fascism in Europe, I understand that this nefarious movement began in Germany with calls for "Jew-Bolshevism."

Although I am politically opposed to Mr. Begin and his policies, I always respected his integrity and would never have believed that he would stoop to such irresponsible name calling.

Tel Aviv. MABLYNHAL

FROM THE EDITORIALS

Sadat's offer and Begin's reply

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam): "We are faced with unexpected possibilities. Sadat is engaged in a struggle within the Arab world, and certain factors have already condemned him for taking a defeatist line and denounced Arafat for not protesting immediately. It is believed in some quarters that Sadat is working towards a separate agreement with Israel."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) says it is a pity Mr. Begin did not respond immediately to Sadat's suggestion by inviting him officially, rather than

addressing the Egyptian people, because it hardly seems likely that, if officially invited by the Government of Israel, Sadat would reject such an invitation. This would at one stroke break down the boycott that the Arab world has imposed on Israel and imply recognition not only of her existence but of Israel's right to sovereignty in the region.

DAYAR (Histadrut), referring to the competition between the President of Egypt and the Prime Minister of Israel on travelling along the Jerusalem-Cairo route, remarks that "Sadat has apparently decided to derive the greatest possible propaganda value out of his suggestion to come to Jerusalem."

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